

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairwoman, Kathleen Fejes called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Merrill Dixon, member  
Kathleen Fejes, member  
Tom Krent, member  
Stuart Redpath, member  
Stuart Alderman, staff  
Carol K. Anderson, staff  
Ida Edmunds, member  
Tod Gazetti, member  
Brad Henson, student representative  
Jan Zikakis, member  
Jeff Biegler, staff

Absent: Rusty Kaltsounis, Meaghan Kovacs, and Jeff Stewart

Visitors: None

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 05 - 012

Moved by Gazetti

Seconded by Zikakis

RESOLVED, that absent members from the April 14, 2005 meeting are excused.

Yeas: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 05 - 013

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Redpath

Resolved, that the minutes from April 14, 2005 be approved by amending page 1, Section A under OLD BUSINESS by **STRIKING** Senior Advisory Boards and **INSERTING** Advisory Committee For Senior Citizens and on page 2, Section D by **INSERTING** 2005-2006.

Yeas: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Budget Approval Process - Budget meetings with City Council will be finalized on Monday, May 16, 2005 at a public hearing. Our budget proposed a 25% reduction in the City's contribution to the Boys and Girls Club. City Council has decided not to reduce our contribution and to maintain the amount we have given community groups.

B. Capital Needs - A handout was distributed with a five-year plan of capital projects. This is a working document and may be subject to change when the Masterplan is completed or as other critical needs take priority.

C. DDA Median Maintenance - Irrigation has been installed on the medians of Big Beaver east of I-75 to Rochester Road. This year will be the first full season with the irrigation. The medians should be much improved this year. Annuals will be planted and dead/dying perennials have been replaced.

The City will contract a study to be done of the Big Beaver corridor for improvements.

D. Shuffleboard/Bocce - Cost estimates were obtained by Jeff Biegler; Shuffleboard Courts are approximately \$3000 per court and Bocce Ball courts are approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000 per court. The Community Center has an existing storm drain that could be tied into for drainage, eliminating some cost.

### **Member Comments**

Tom Krent asked about Section 36 parkland. Ms. Anderson explained that it is still in the courts and we hope to have this matter settled within a few weeks.

Mr. Krent also asked about the ball diamond lights at Boulan Park. Mr. Biegler replied that the lights might have been on because the seasonal laborer had not gotten to the park at that time to turn the lights off at one of the ball diamonds. The lights should not be on all night.

Jan Zikakis asked about the ash wood and if it is chopped up and used as firewood and available to the public. Mr. Biegler responded that we do not make it available since we cannot control its use. If it is taken out of the quarantined area, it may spread the Emerald Ash Borer pest farther. Currently, we grind it up into mulch and the large logs are sold.

### **Staff Reports**

Director - Congratulations to Ida Edmunds on her re-election to the school board.

Discussions with the president of Troy Youth Soccer are continuing regarding costs for use of fields and facilities. Last year they were charged 20% however, this year they will be charged 40%. Special Use of fields, such as for the Soccer City Classic, they would be charged 100%.

Ms. Anderson encouraged all to look at the City survey when it is available on the website. It has a lot of information in it regarding City services. The Parks and Recreation department was rated very well in terms of use of our facilities and programs.

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 05 - 014

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Gazetti

Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will suspend the meetings for June, July and August unless there is a need.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Recreation Report - Many special events are taking place this summer: TFAC Open House, Perennial Plant Exchange, Hershey Track and Field, Nursery School Olympics, Family Festival and two new programs, Dodgeball and Kickball, to name a few.

Parks Report - Friday, May 6, 2005 was Arbor Day. A tree was planted in celebration and 80 kites were given away.

1200 flats of annuals have arrived and will be planted along the medians within the next few weeks.

On May 20 at Beach Road Park there will be an installation of a rain garden. Rain water from the parking lot will drain into a swale that has been planted with perennials that can withstand water for a longer than usual period of time. This will allow the plants to filter and absorb extra water thereby putting less pollutants and water into the Rouge River watershed. Come join in the fun and help plant a rain garden.

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 05 - 015

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Gazetti

Resolved, that absent members, Kovacs and Stewart, are excused.

Yeas: All                                      Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Kathleen Fejes, Chairwoman

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Mary Williams, Recording Secretary